

PRE-COURSE WORK ASSIGNMENT

COURSE:	Fire Program Management, M-581
LESSON:	B - Fire Management Policy
UNIT:	2 - Policy/Planning
SUGGESTED TIME:	2 hours
EQUIPMENT:	Internet access
MATERIALS:	Pre-course Work Assignment; <i>Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy</i> ; "Policy Flow Chart Review"; "Fire Management Policy and Document Overview"; "Healthy Forests Restoration Act"; Pre-course PowerPoint; and Department/Agency Manuals and Handbooks.
OBJECTIVES:	At the completion of the pre-course work, participants will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Locate useful policy information using the NIFC web site.2. Locate and reference the Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy.3. Describe changes in implementation of the federal fire management policy.

I. ACTIVITY 1

Viewing the NIFC web site.

A. INTRODUCTION

The web site below provides interagency policy information. This activity will give students an opportunity to become familiar with the location of policy information.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. Access the information found at the NIFC policy web page.
http://www.nifc.gov/fire_policy
2. Note all of the available documents and the dates they were posted. Many are as recent as February 2005.
3. Review the **briefing papers** in the lower right hand side, *Three Kinds of Wildland Fire* and *Use of Wildland Fire*. Also review the *Common Policy Language* (found in *prework folder*) released 11/4/04.
4. Note the web page format and where you can find applicable information.

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II. ACTIVITY 2

Reviewing and reading the *Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy*.

A. INTRODUCTION

Interagency policy and implementation strategies are contained in the Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy document.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. Read the Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy document. http://www.nifc.gov/fire_policy/strategy.htm
2. Become familiar with policies and changes in implementation strategy from previous implementation guides.
3. Review the policy implementation flowchart on page 12 of Policy doc. (pdf document says pg. 17) closely to ensure understanding of how fire management programs can be implemented. Review the "Policy Flowchart Review" as additional information on implementation.

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III. ACTIVITY 3

Reviewing and reading the attached handouts.

A. INTRODUCTION

The pre-course references listed below give the students an overview of policy changes, fire management direction and guidance, and documents that should be available as reference material in all fire management offices.

B. ASSIGNMENT

1. "Fire Management Policy and Document Overview"
2. NFP.HFI.HFRA.CAR PowerPoint
3. "Healthy Forest Restoration Act"

IV. REVIEW QUESTIONS:

A. What document previous to this did you use for direction on implementation of the fire policies?

B. What changes do you see in the flowchart found in this document compared to the flowchart found in the 1998 Wildland and Prescribe Fire Management Policy Guide?

C. What document must be in place for all fire management programs?